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- On 29 August 1951, the tent camp at the ferry house of Alt Kaditz near Dresden (N 52/F 29) had been broken. Troops wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with golden-anchor insignia were seen in the barracks installation at Uebigau on the same day. (1)
- On 26 August, it was observed that the tent camp at the ferry house of Alt Kaditz had been broken and the bridge-building equipment, previously **observed there, was hauled away.** The telephone line to the barracks installation in Uebigau was still up, but the off-limits signs and the sentries had been withdrawn. The ferryman said that the unit had moved to the barracks installation in Uebigau. (1)
- The AA gun emplacements in the Elbe River bend at Uebigau were still manned on 24 and 26 August. Security measures had been intensified. Numerous sentries with field glasses were seen. (2)
- Between 22 and 26 August, the Maschinengewehr Kaserne on the east side of Koenigsbruecker Strasse, between Paulstrasse and Tannenstrasse, quartered about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About two thirds of the barracks windows were lighted after sundown.
- Almost all windows of the Koenig Georg Kaserne were lighted on the evening of 22 August. The installation seemed to be occupied by about 1,000 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. **25X1X** No personnel wearing tank insignia were seen. Five equipment trucks and tank **25X1B** parked in front of the work shops. (4)
- The SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann, quartered a unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, another unit of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and a third unit of soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets. The troops were estimated at not less than 1,200. Eighty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets continued to string a telephone line between Hollerhofstrasse and Radeburger Strasse on 22 August, while a unit of 200 men and 5 officers marched into the installation. The troops wore gasmasks, and carried the filters in a bag. Truck **25X1B** was identified. (5)

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7. On 26 August, the barracks installation in Uebigau quartered a unit of about 600 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Two thirds of the barracks buildings were lighted at nightfall. An officer wearing dark-blue-bordered epaulets and blue-bordered black collar patches was seen for the first time. About 30 soldiers were seen training on the Elbe River meadows while about 60 soldiers looked on from the barracks windows. (1)

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8. The SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann, was occupied to capacity on 24 August. A German resident, who lived nearby and used to run errands for Soviet soldiers, confirmed that the installation was occupied to capacity and stated that the garages sheltered primarily sidecar motorcycles. The informant observed combat practice of units of from 15 to 20 sidecar motorcycles. On 22 August, source observed about 90 soldiers practicing with four telephone lines between Radeburger Strasse and Hellerhofstrasse and stringing a new telephone line toward Letzter Heller. Two days later, about as many troops with black-bordered black epaulets were seen stringing telephone lines, while about 150 men with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in combat practice, and a unit of about 20 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, marched out of the installation. Trucks [REDACTED] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and sedan [REDACTED] were identified on 24 August. (5)

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9. Documents found at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield included:

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- a. A letter addressed to a soldier of U [REDACTED] dated 15 July 1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from the Sverdlovsk Oblast.

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- b. An envelope addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED], postmarked 24 July 1951, examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from the Kuibyshev Oblast.

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- c. A fragment of a letter addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED]

- d. A fragment of a letter addressed to a soldier of [REDACTED] examined by Censorship Office [REDACTED] and mailed from the Kemerovo Oblast. (6)

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- (1) The information by the [REDACTED] that the barracks installation in Uebigau still quarters the 134th Gds Engr Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div. Previous reports indicated that the battalion practiced at the nearby ferry house of Alt Kaditz during the summer and, according to the present report, seems to have completed the training at the end of August.

- (2) The AA gun emplacements are known from previous reports. See [REDACTED] 25X1A

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- (3) The strength estimate and the truck numbers reported indicate that the Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Alaunplatz still quartered a headquarters unit. See [REDACTED]

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- (4) [REDACTED] that the Koenig Georg Kaserne quarters 1,000 troops, but he never supports this estimate by detailed statements. The 100th Repair Shop housed in the installation is operated by about 500 troops. Therefore, it cannot be determined whether the 7th Gds Tank SP Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div, which is also carried there, was at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds or already in the barracks installation at the end of August 1951. The tank truck mentioned in the present report belongs to a headquarters unit of the First Gds Mech Army. [REDACTED]

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- (5) The information in paragraph 6 stating that the SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann, quarters three different units is credible on the basis of previous reports. Paragraph 8 of the present report again indicates that two of the units are signal and motorcycle units, but the third unit remains unidentified.

25X1B (6) [REDACTED] was on documents previously obtained in Dresden-Klotzsche and Potsdam.

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